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"AN ACT PERMITTING THE POSSESSION OF REINDEER YEAR ROUND."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 26-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) On or before September 1, 2013, the Commissioner of
6 Agriculture, in consultation and with the agreement of the Department
7 of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall adopt regulations, in
8 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to authorize the
9 establishment of in-state captive herds of cervids, including, but not
10 limited to, reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*). Such regulations shall include,
11 but not be limited to, (1) provisions concerning the issuing of permits
12 for the importation, exportation and maintenance of captive herds, (2)
13 standards and procedures to protect native wildlife, (3) provisions for
14 seasonal interstate transport and possession of reindeer pursuant to

15 subsection (c) of this section until such time as domestic herds are
16 sufficiently established to meet demand, and (4) provisions for
17 inspections and enforcement.

18 (b) Any importation permit issued pursuant to this section shall be
19 issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture in consultation with the
20 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection.

21 (c) Not later than November 1, 2012, the Commissioner of
22 Agriculture shall implement a pilot program for the issuance of two
23 permits that allow not more than two Connecticut businesses to
24 maintain not more than five reindeer each. Each such reindeer shall be
25 subject to an importation permit issued by the Commissioner of
26 Agriculture in consultation with the Department of Energy and
27 Environmental Protection. Such permits shall be on forms provided by
28 the Commissioner of Agriculture and shall be contingent on
29 requirements determined by the Commissioner of Agriculture,
30 including, but not limited to, the source of such animals, any required
31 health certification, fencing and containment requirements, periodic
32 inspections and testing. Such pilot program shall remain in effect until
33 such time as regulations are adopted pursuant to subsection (a) of this
34 section.

35 (d) [Any] Until such time as regulations are adopted pursuant to
36 subsection (a) of this section, any person may import one or more
37 reindeer into the state during the period commencing on Thanksgiving
38 Day of each year and ending on the immediately following New Year's
39 Day, provided (1) any reindeer so imported is subsequently exported
40 from the state no later than a week following the end of such period,
41 and (2) such importation complies with the following requirements:
42 Each reindeer so imported (A) is individually identified by a
43 permanent metal ear tag, legible tattoo or microchip, (B) possesses a
44 certified veterinary report of inspection documenting an inspection
45 that occurred at least one day and not more than thirty days prior to
46 entry into the state, (C) possesses documentation that verifies such
47 reindeer (i) comes from a herd that is free of both tuberculosis and

48 brucellosis, or (ii) tested negative for tuberculosis and brucellosis at
49 least one day and not more than thirty days prior to entry into the
50 state, and (D) possesses documentation that the originating herd
51 participated in a state chronic wasting disease monitoring program (i)
52 not less than the prior three years if from a state or province not
53 known to have chronic wasting disease, or (ii) not less than the prior
54 five years if from a state or province known to have chronic wasting
55 disease outbreaks."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	26-57a